

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Prairie Wetlands Learning Center

*Fergus Falls Wetland Management District*



## Annual Highlights

Fiscal Year 2016



Tens of thousands of hours  
learning in the outdoor classroom

**65,000**  
students

**86,000**  
total visitors

**240**  
4th and 5th grade  
Prairie Science Class  
Students



**2,700**  
education programs

## NAAEE Workshop

Molly Stoddard and Mona Davis present The Compass to Nature—  
Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom workshop at the 2016 North  
American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference.



## Dave Ellis retired

*June, 2016*



## Conservation Award

The Prairie Wetlands Learning Center staff  
received the 2015 Conservation Award from  
The Minnesota Chapter of the Wildlife Society.  
The award recognizes an organization or institution  
that has shown an outstanding commitment to  
Minnesota's natural resources.





Thanks to the  
***Friends of the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center***  
for raising **\$24,000**  
to support the greenhouse and  
internship programs.



**8,000**

prairie plants grown in greenhouse



**73** volunteers donated over  
**1,800** hours of service.

***Thank You!!!***

## Sprucing Up

Construction Projects Completed:

- ◇ Trail repairs from Visitor Center to Mallard Oaks. (YCC & Staff)
- ◇ New roof shingles on barn and dormitory. (Contractor)
- ◇ Rehabilitation of both elevators. (Contractor)

Construction Projects Started:

- ◇ HVAC Controls Renovations to Geothermal. (Contractor)







## The Prairie Wetlands Learning Center mission:

To provide environmental education opportunities for students, private land owners and the general public, and to foster stewardship by demonstrating the methods for protection, enhancement and restoration of the prairie pothole ecosystem.

